

**Joint Meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission  
And the Electric Utility Commission  
Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2018**

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Dennis Donahue, Steve Fitzhugh, and Ken Goslant. Others present: Town Manager Jeff Schulz, and Utility Superintendent Pat Demasi. The meeting started at 6:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes from Previously Meetings**

Motion by Dennis Donahue, second by Ken Goslant to approve the minutes of March 19, 2018. Motion passed 3-0.

**Meeting of the Electric Utility Commission**

**FY 18/19 Electric Budgets**

The Commission discussed the revenue estimates for FY 18/19. Steve Fitzhugh noted that the Bull Run Solar project should be on line this summer and will impact the budget with an estimated annual cost of \$90,000 to \$95,000 per year. In addition, the Vermont renewable energy standards are impacting the budget and those costs will continue to increase over the next few years. VPPSA is exploring the development of solar projects within VPPSA member service areas to reduce the impact of the renewable energy standards, and have identified potential sites; including a potential solar project on the Cheney Farm property. Steve added that the other NED revenue sources should be stable over the next two years.

In regard to expenditures, Steve noted that he is working with VPPSA and the Joint Action Committee on the data needs for smart meters, and there is the possibility that NED can install electric smart meters within the next year. Steve will have additional information within the next few months. Next, the Commission discussed tree trimming needs and added \$10,000 to this budget line item.

**Other Business**

Steve Fitzhugh noted that the inter-connection agreement between Northfield Electric and GMP for GMP's use of Northfield Electric's system to serve its customers in Northfield is still being reviewed and discussed.

Steve added that VPPSA is working on web-site assistance to VPPSA members such that VPPSA will design and maintain a site for each member that will be linked from the communities' web-site.

Jeff Schulz noted that Jamie Stewart from the Central VT Economic Development Corp. contacted him regarding Cabot's plans to double production at their Northfield facilities, and asked if NED has an economic development incentive program offering discounted electric rates for large customers. Jeff informed Mr. Stewart that NED does not currently have such a program and that he would discuss it with the Electric Commission. Also, Jeff contacted Ken Nolan at VPPSA regarding economic development inactive programs for electric utilities, and Ken agreed to send a copy of GMP's program. Jeff will forward the documents to the Commission.

**Motion** by Dennis Donahue, second by Steve Fitzhugh to adjourn the Electric Commission meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Meeting of Sewer and Water Commissioners**

The Sewer and Water Commissioners started a review of the FY 18/19 Sewer and Water Budgets, and Patrick Demasi discussed some of proposed water line replacement projects for the next few years. The Commission will continue its work on the FY 18/19 Sewer and Water Budgets on April 2.

Motion by Dennis Donahue, second by Ken Goslant to adjourn the Sewer and Water meeting. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Jeff Schulz, Clerk